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**Monthly Neighborhood
Meeting/Forum**

Held at Fire station #159 on the 22nd. Saw several new faces. We did have a presentation on how the automatic aid that all fire departments use in the valley works and how it saves each municipality up to two fire stations having to be built. Several other subjects were covered and then a tour of the newest station built in Glendale (2009) was conducted.

Thank you to all that attended- it was a great opportunity.



SOUND-OFF QUESTION.

Here's another sampling of the Arizona Republic's "sound-off" which runs in Saturday's Glendale community section asking West Valley elected officials to weigh in on that week's question. This one ran on June 6th.

Glendale is holding public meetings over the summer to gather input on a possible city ordinance to create an anti-discrimination policy for businesses operating there. Four cities in Arizona - Phoenix, Tempe, Tucson and Flagstaff - have similar ordinances in place. Is such a policy something that is needed in your city? Why or why not?

Yes - I brought forward the notion in an Oct '14 council workshop that we consider said policy. On December 18th, council voted unanimously affirming Glendale's commitment to inclusion and diversity in its workforce and signing One Community's Unity Pledge and further gave direction to staff to begin the public outreach towards an ordinance. An inclusive non-discrimination policy for the City of Glendale is not only the right thing to do, but a vital step in strengthening our local, regional and statewide economy. 21st Century businesses - and the employees they attract want to operate in inclusive, welcoming cities that offer a level playing field for all workers. In order to compete, both locally and nationally we must show that discrimination in our community will not be accepted.

COMING UP

Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

The Glendale City Council has expressed specific interest in hearing feedback from Glendale residents. An ordinance, if adopted, would protect the rights of Glendale citizens and visitors from discrimination in employment,

SHERWOOD'S ADVISORY GROUP

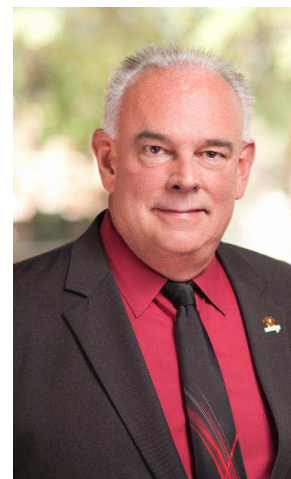
STILL RECRUITING- Councilmember Sherwood is putting together an advisory board and he wants you to be a part of it! This group will exist mostly through emails, in which the councilmember will run ideas past the group and ask for input and opinion.

If you are interested in being part of Sherwood's Advisory Group (SAG) or would like more information, please email Emily Mich with your name, contact information, and any affiliation (business community member, etc) at emichael@glendaleaz.com.

THIS WEEK *with* COUNCILMEMBER SHERWOOD

Greetings Sahuaro Residents,

First off, I've had to compress last Friday's (24th) and the next two Friday newsletters (31st & 7th) into two, the one you're receiving now and one that will be published on the 7th. I tried to put it on my assistant Van but he would have no part of it, so it's on me. I will be on travel for most of next week for a National League of Cities First Tier Suburb Committee which I am vice chair of which is part of the reason for skimping out on one of these.



Two Upcoming Meetings: Our next neighborhood meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27th at Ironwood H.S. from 5:30 - 7:00p. We will have a brief presentation on the light rail project with a representative from Valley Metro and our Transportation department. These neighborhood meetings are mostly Q & A sessions with all topics fair game.

My next district meeting which I'm currently holding twice a year is scheduled for Wednesday September 30th at 5:30p at Thunderbird Grad School. Tentative presentation subjects by staff include overall transportation plan, Envision 2040 (our General Plan Update that comes before voters in August 2016) and public works. If there is any subject that would be of interest to you, please let us know.

Past Events Highlighted:

Glendale Deputy Fire Chief Patty Frey - retired July 23rd after 30 years of dedicated service. She was the second female to reach the rank of chief and was also instrumental with developing Glendale's Youth Firesetter Program to teach fire safety to children in local schools.

The last of four meetings is:

- **Thursday, July 30** (6 - 8 p.m.)
Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd.
Glendale, AZ 85305. Sign in begins at 5:30 p.m.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like to offer input, you can leave comments on a recorded phone line at 623-930-2255 or email GlendaleFeedback@glendaleaz.com. Please know that all written and spoken comments will become part of the official record of public input for this process. For more information, please contact the Glendale City Manager's Office at 623-930-2870.

Dog Days of Summer. Dog lovers will gather in downtown Glendale for the city's annual Dog Days of Summer event, from **7-10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1**. Come join me at the city's sixth annual event and celebrate this popular event with interactive fun activities, pet wellness information, Glendale PD K-9 demonstration, animal adoptions and shopping in Murphy Park. New this year, the event will feature the debut of the Glendale "Paw-sker" Awards, a talent show of sorts, to recognize tricky pets in the following categories: Best Trick; Best Kisser; Best Hair; and the Wildest Tail Wagger. Awards will be given in each category.

Head to the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) booth located in Murphy Park to start your day, where the first 200 visitors will receive a savings pack, as well as a run-down of the day's activities. Admission and parking are free. Visitors are encouraged to park in the free covered parking garage located at 58th Avenue and Palmyre.

The Dog Days of Summer also includes a **donation drive for pet food and supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter**. For a wish list of items needed, visit www.sunvalleypets.org.

For more details on the donation drive and the overall event, check out www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500.

As a fire safety clown, her alter ego was named "Patches" where she entertained children and taught fire safety throughout the community.



Photo: Bette Sharpe, Glendale Daily Planet

Third of Four Public Meeting Held Saturday the 25th on a Possible Anti-discrimination Ordinance - Forty-three citizens engaged in the continued public outreach being conducted by an outside consultant. In the three meetings thus far over 100 of mostly Glendale citizens have participated. The final session will be held tonight from 6:00p to 8:00p at the Renaissance Hotel in Westgate. (see notice under "coming up" elsewhere in this letter.

Light Rail Press Conference in Phoenix touting new numbers of economic development - I attended as part of Glendale Council and Valley Metro Rail Board. This was held in the newly opened DeSoto Market, a reuse project converting an old auto dealership from the 1920's into a very cool series of restaurants. From restaurants to residential development, more than \$8.1 billion in private and public capital investment has been built near the initial 20-miles of light rail that extends from Phoenix and Tempe into Mesa. Another \$346 million in commercial and residential building is being planned, most of that from private developers. \$1.2 Billion was spent building the initial 20 miles. This bodes well as Glendale prepares for their segment in seven years.



Learn more about the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Transit Corridor Study. Valley Metro has initiated a transit corridor study for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale area to identify high-capacity transit service options to connect downtown Glendale to the existing light rail system. In partnership with the city of Glendale, city of Phoenix, and the community, the study will determine a route location and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit) that will serve the area between 19th Ave. to 67th Ave. and Northern Ave. to Camelback Rd. To learn more about the project and view the routes under consideration, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

ECONOMIST VIEW

Here's another blog post from national economists, Dr. Elliot Eisenberg, this is from June 30th.

Inefficient Income

The US corporate tax rate of 35% is the highest in the world. In Germany it's 16%, Canada 15%, and Ireland 12.5%. Worse, it raises little money. In 2014, US pre-tax corporate profits were \$2 trillion. 35% of that would be \$700 billion. But due to loopholes and fancy accounting, the corporate income tax raised just \$320 billion. Just lower the rate to a revenue-neutral 16% and ditch the gimmicks.

GLENDAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- **Glendale Fire Department Helps Kids Get Back To School with Supplies.** Glendale Firefighters are kicking off our 2015 Back to School Supply Drive. All of this to benefit low income children attending school in Glendale. The goal is to fill 500 backpacks with the essentials needed for these kids to be successful. For more information, contact Cecil Tudor, President of Glendale Fire Charities, at glendalefirecharities@yahoo.com or call 928-300-0602.
- **Drop off locations:**

Above: Phoenix Public Transit Director Maria Hyatt, DeSoto Market owner Shawn Connelly, Phoenix Vice Mayor Daniel Valenzuela, Phoenix Community and Economic Development Director Christine Mackay, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix Councilmember Ka Gallego, Glendale Councilmember Gary Sherwood, Tempe Mayor I Mitchell and Valley Metro CEO Steve Banta.

Coyotes/Arena Management Settlement - The council voted last Friday July 24th, on a 7 - 0 vote to amend the contract from fifteen years to four, with two of them in the past. The contract gives the city certainty in terms of budget at \$6.5M as oppose any number ranging from \$6.5M to \$9M. The gamble that the took on is whether a new contract can be worked out over the next nine months or so to better protect the city and if one can be worked out, what becomes of the area. As many know, I was quite vocal about not cancelling this contract, the state statue I never been tried and there was never any smoking gun presented to say that any third party interference occurred affecting the original contract. I thought the two sides could sit down and come up with something amicable in the same time frame.

I was not pleased how all of this came about and I believe there has been damage done to both the Coyotes and the City. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed during the numerous executive sessions where various options were discussed. We avoided another doomed lawsuit which would have cost the taxpayers millions to reach a compromise for both our business partner and the taxpayers, at least for the next two years.

I would now implore our city staff to immediately begin working with the Coyotes after first researching the market place having to do with arena management, economic vitality in the Westgate and surrounding area, and to hire an expert firm to assist us with this. We have owned the arena since '03, 12 years and we still don't have an understanding of what it costs to run the arena.

We cannot afford to sit pat on this amended agreement; we need to have this worked out over the next 6 - 9 months with the Coyotes. Westgate and the surrounding area along with our citizens need this certainty!

Councilmember Gary Sherwood

GLENDAL PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Next Coffee with a Cop Gatherings:**
 - **Wednesday August 19th 9:00a Parson's Rest. 5921 W Northern Ave**
 - **Wednesday August 19th 6:30p @Dillon's BBQ 20585 N 59th Ave**
- **Hot Cars Can Kill** - Watch this public service video.
- **Glendale Fire Department Seeks Public Input On Hazard Mitigation Plan.** A multi-jurisdictional planning team of representatives from Maricopa County and the participating jurisdictions including tribes, cities, towns and other local governmental entities substantially located

Now until August 8th: any
Glendale Fire Station

Aug. 1st-8th: Target on 43rd and
Peoria (10404 N 43rd Ave,
Glendale, AZ) with our antique
fire truck.

- **Glendale Splash Pads.** Cool off
and have fun for FREE at one of
Glendale's two splash pads! The
location and hours of the two
splash pads are:

Heroes Park Splash Pad -
83rd Ave. & Berridge Ln. (on
83rd Ave., just north of
Bethany Home Rd.).

***May 23 - August 9: open
daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

***August 15 - September 7:
open weekends only from 11
a.m.-6 p.m.

**Sycamore Grove Park
Splash Pad** - 86th Lane and
Emil Rovey Parkway.

***May 25 - September 7;
open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

within Maricopa County, has been meeting regularly to
participate in a hazard mitigation planning process. The
purpose of this process is to update the current version
the Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigat
Plan according to The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
(DMA2K). The DMA2K requires all local, county, tribal &
state governments to have a FEMA approved hazard
mitigation plan in order to be eligible for certain federal
disaster mitigation funds. The first draft of the newly
updated 2015 Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Haz
Mitigation Plan has been completed and is ready for pu
viewing and comment. The updated draft of the plan ca
be downloaded at the following website:

http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt/links.aspx or y
can contact your community's representative as listed
below:

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